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Location: **Olinda, BRAZIL**

Mission: **Church-based community development and evangelism**



Carnival activities are finally over so the cities of Recife/Olinda are beginning to get back into routines again. As Brazilians themselves say, 'nothing really gets back into full swing in the New Year until after Carnival.' The temperatures here have been really hot and humid with Brazilians themselves complaining. My neighbour shared with me last week of how by midday he had already taken 4 cold showers to try and cool himself down.

Drinking plenty of water and cold showers are the key, or as I have been known to do recently – take myself off to the large air-conditioned shopping malls in the morning to sit in the Book store and work. Lots of folks are doing the same!

The 'Reading in the Park' activities have recommenced and we started off with our large Wordless book which shares the Good News of Jesus using colours.



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Both Beberibe and Peixinhos are preparing for Easter Street evangelism events. Beberibe has some very enthusiastic puppeteers which is wonderful to see. Just before Carnival we had a training session with all the volunteers (children, teenagers and adults) as we looked at the idea of 'Fishing'. Everyone was given a small plastic fish with a blank sticker on it with the idea that on the night of the street event planned for 22nd March, each person would talk to someone they didn't know at the event and put their name on the fish. In this way we plan to have lots of 'fish' to pray for afterwards.

Peixinhos are also planning a 'Family Breakfast' for the families of the Good News Club children for early April. We hope to use the Book "Guess How Much I love You" by Sam McBratney and look at God's Love for us. Our prayer is that these families will come to "grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." Ephesians 3:18

Prayer points:

- Please continue to pray for all the planning and preparation for these events and that many 'fish' would be drawn into the nets.
- Pray too for the Friday night Doctrine and Prayer time that I hope to take again coming up to Easter. We hope to use Max Lucado's Book 'John 3:16' as a starting point to discuss evangelism and reaching out with the Good News of Easter.
- Pray for some of our younger puppet volunteers in Beberibe who unfortunately have not been able to return to school after the Christmas and January holidays as their school is only now starting to be refurbished.